PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING THE

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND

TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Sir:

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